

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill wouldn't change the situation of any juvenile court in the state any place but it says that we are going to maintain the present situation. Basically what it would do is say that no juvenile courts could be established in any county having a population of 75,000 inhabitants or less so that the present situation is frozen. This came from the Supreme Court and the basic idea is simply that separate types of courts such as juvenile courts are probably not good ideas in smaller communities. I would ask the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have a question of Senator Beutler if he would yield. I have, Senator Beutler, I have some people that have been in touch with me that are proponents of having separate juvenile courts and my understanding of this bill is that cities of 30,000 or more like Grand Island and North Platte and other cities along the Platte River that now have the authority to set up a juvenile court would be prohibited from doing so if this bill passes, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And do we have any signals from the legislators from those areas that that is agreeable to them or did any of them testify or make their feelings known on the issue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, there was no testimony from...as I recall there was no testimony from anybody on this particular bill. Was considered to be noncontroversial as it came out of committee.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And you say that this measure is being advanced by the Nebraska Supreme Court? Was that part of your opening?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The bill was to the best of my